REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-15 and 18-32 were pending. Claims 1-15 and 18-32 were rejected. Claims 1 and 30 are amended herein. It is stated that no new matter has been introduced since support for these amendments can be found throughout the original filed specification.

Regarding 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 5-11, 13-14, 29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Baker** et al. (US Pat. No. 6,338,067) in view of **Wical** (US Pat. No. 6,061,675) and further in view of **Maxey** (US Pat. No. 5,590,320)

Claims 2-4, 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Baker** et al. (US Pat. No. 6,338,067) in view of **Wical** (US Pat. No. 6,061,675) and further in view of **Maxey** (US Pat. No. 5,590,320), and further in view of **Johnson** (US Pat. No. 6,553,385).

Claims 12 18-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Baker** et al. (US Pat. No. 6,338,067) in view of **Wical** (US Pat. No. 6,061,675) and further in view of Maxey (US Pat. No. 5,590,320), and further in view of Lawrence (US Pat. No. 6,289,342).

In reply to these rejections, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 30 to proceed towards an allowance. The Applicant argues that the claims now in the application are non-obvious over the prior art of record and render the rejections moot.

Applicant refers to previous arguments made on the record. In addition, the prior art teaches accessing structured databases with known data structures. The present invention teaches and claims compiling information from multiple, unrelated, unstructured or structurally different information sources other than structured databases.

Furthermore, information in the present invention is identified by **analyzing and evaluating** markup language files, which is in sharp contrast to simply querying a tabular, structured,

known and uniform formats, which is typical and required for querying databases.

The Applicant is concerned about **aggregation of references**, which is not permitted by patent law to render a claim rejection.

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It is also kindly requested that the claim elements are reviewed as a whole, i.e. a combination rather than focusing the arguments on element (a). The prior art as a single reference or in combination needs to fulfill each and every step in a claim to render the claim anticipated or obvious. For example, the prior art does not teach or suggest: "**parsing through each** of said markup language files to **extract senior management information**". Even if a single reference is out there teaching or suggesting that exact claim element then an additional reference is required to teach or suggest:

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"compiling information from **multiple, unrelated, unstructured or structurally different information** sources **other than** structured **databases**",

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"determining a **local grouping content near and associated with a particular title**",

"**identifying and extracting a name associated with that title**",

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etc.

The applicant submits that the claim elements in claims 1 and 30 in the application are novel and nonobvious over the prior art of record.

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Conclusion

The Examiner is sincerely invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-424-0100 for clarification or any suggested actions such as an Examiner's Amendment to accelerate prosecution and forward the present application to allowance. Allowance of the claims now in the application is kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,
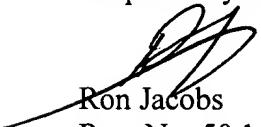
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